

**BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

November 12, 2008

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Randy Bergdorf, Jerry Ritch and Amy Anderson; Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon, and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Trustees expressed their condolences to Rick Haury and family on the passing of his mother; and to the friends and family of Freeda Johnson on her passing. Ms. Johnson devoted her life to the Friends Disaster Services and serving others. She was active in every relief effort from Xenia to Katrina.

Police Protection Report: Chief McCue reported Trick or Treat night went well and the annual Christmas party will be held December 3rd at the township hall. He reported two suspects in the recent breaking and entering at Boston Mills were arrested; one is in custody, one out on bond. Computers and stereo equipment were taken. The two are suspects in most of the recent burglaries. An arrest is pending concerning the recent theft at Terry Lumber.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Sulzer was absent, but submitted a written report stating Legal Counsel Pullekens has sent registered letters to Lura J. Brown and Pro-Tree concerning their zoning violations. Mr. Sulzer has inspected the All-Ohio property and is working with two applicants on the submission process for obtaining zoning certificates. The Zoning Commission continues to make progress on the zoning resolution revisions.

Legal Counsel Pullekens reported All-Ohio has received another two week extension on their brief presentation. ODOT has approved All-Ohio's plan for remedial work on their excavation; All-Ohio must file new zoning applications with the Zoning Commission. He also reported the pre-trial has been held on the billboards; Sunset Outdoor may not proceed further.

The Fiscal Officer circulated a letter from Mr. Apostol Triffon's attorney to Mrs. Jura, party in Boston Car, seeking a civil resolution to the drainage problem caused by unauthorized grading at Boston Car.

Approval of Minutes: The trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Correspondences. Fiscal Officer Noragon reviewed the various correspondence received by the Township.

Township Buildings and Grounds. The Trustees reviewed and signed the lease with the Boston Township Hall Committee. Trustees Bergdorf and Ritch signed as Trustees; Trustee Anderson and Legal Counsel Pullekens signed as witnesses. Trustee Bergdorf will take the lease to the next BTHC meeting for signature and return one copy to the Township.

The Trustees reviewed six quotes for floor, wall, door and footer work on the township general office. The John Sebe quote of \$10,800.00 is the lowest; Trustee Ritch will check his references before a decision is made.

Future Planning and JEDD. Trustee Ritch reported the pump station work is still on schedule. Mr. Wendt has expressed concern that the current economic situation may leave funding short to run the trunk line to the JEDD district. Trustee Ritch will monitor this.

Valley Fire District: Trustee Anderson reported the District is considering replacing the 1976 fire truck next year. Equipment costs are currently increasing 6 to 8% per year but new regulations will increase equipment costs 10 to 15% after 2009. With minimal equipment, a new truck will cost from 275 to 325 thousand dollars. Financing will be required. At the meeting the Trustees voted to increase weekly disability insurance payments from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per week, at an additional premium cost of \$741.00. This coverage commences prior to Worker's Comp.

Trustee Anderson also reported the continuing head gasket problem on the fire truck is being repaired at no charge by Cummins-Bridgeway; Chief Riedel will attend a meeting of Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills Townships while they discuss a potential fire district; and At-Large Trustee John Puchalsky will step down when his term expires on December 31, 2008.

Road Department: Road Superintendent Tesmer said leaf pick-up will continue until the first of December; the salt sheds are full and the snow equipment is ready. He said the rear corner posts on the big truck are rusting out and he is getting quotes for replacement. Approved vendors for trucks will be on the State purchasing web site by November 24th; he will monitor the site for a small truck.

Trustee Ritch said he will meet with Peninsula Council member Doug Anderson for preliminary discussions on joint or shared road work.

Fiscal Officer Noragon reviewed the FEMA grant application for the September 14th high wind event. **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to designate Fiscal Officer Noragon to act as the Authorized Agent relative to the Public Assistance Grant Program for FEMA-DR-1805-OH. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed

Other Business: After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to accept the insurance proposal for 2009 presented by Love Insurance. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. The annual premium will be \$8,630.00, of which \$2,412.00 will be invoiced to the Boston Township Hall Committee as their share.

The Fiscal Officer circulated a proposed 2009 income/expense budget for review and comment pending temporary appropriations in December.

Trustee Bergdorf said the Township Hall will be available for the Annual Potluck Dinner on January 17, 2009.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 25th, to ease the Thanksgiving Week events.

Contracts and Appointments: The Trustees reviewed trash contract bids from J&J Refuse and WasteManagement. The Trustees agreed the J&J price is best, but need to discuss service issues with a J&J representative prior to accepting either contract.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bergdorf, to table the bids for review at the November 25th meeting, with a J&J representative present.. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed

Transfers: **Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$17,260.37 from Star Ohio to First Merit as follows:
\$10,000.00 to the General Fund, 1000
\$3,958.67 to the Police Fund, 2191
\$3301.70 to the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund, 2231,

Star Ohio check 5039 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Purchase Orders: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve PO 19-2008, Cargill Incorporated, \$8,592.56, General Fund, Highways, Maintenance (1000-330-323). Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Bank Reconciliation: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the October bank reconciliation prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed.

Aproval for Payment of Bills: Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to pay the bills prepared by Fiscal Officer Noragon. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed.

Motion by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER